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SUBJECT: BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN COMMENTS ON FRENCH
ACTIONS IN ZAIRE, APRIL 13

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AT REGULAR
WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 13.

(A) THERE WAS AN "EXCHANGE OF VIEWS" ON ZAIRE BETWEEN BELGIAN
AND FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTERS IN LUXEMBOURG LAST WEEK. DE GUIRINGAUD
TOLD VAN ELSLANDE THAT FRANCE INTENDED TO DO "SOMETHING" WITHOUT
SPECIFYING NATURE OF ITS PROPOSED ACTIONS.

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(B) THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WAS INFORMED ON APRIL 8, AFTER THE
FACT HAD BECOME PUBLIC, OF WHAT FRANCE MEANT.

(C) THERE HAD BEEN NO POLITICAL COORDINATION AMONG THE EC-9 ON
ZAIRE.

(D) AS FRENCH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING HAD INDICATED IN HIS

APRIL 12 TV ADDRESS, THE SUBJECT OF ZAIRE WILL BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN LONDON NEXT WEEK.

(E) THE U.S. AND BELGIUM HAD HAD "CONTACTS, BUT HAD NOT CONSULTED." THIS ANSWER TO A QUESTION PRESUMABLY REFERRED TO RECENT FRENCH AND MOROCCAN ACTIVITIES VIS-A-VIS ZAIRE.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN DECLINED TO BE DRAWN INTO A DISCUSSION OF WHAT GISCARD MIGHT HAVE MEANT WHEN HE DESCRIBED FRENCH ACTIONS AS DONE "IN THE NAME OF EUROPE AFTER CONSULTING OUR EUROPEAN FRIENDS." RENNER

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